

NEWARK POLICE DIVISION

Community Engagement Report First Quarter - 2019



Community/Clergy Affairs Unit
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Introduction

The Newark Police Division (NPD) is committed to transparency in its procedures and performance and seeks opportunities to engage with the community. Additionally, it is the goal of the Newark Police Division to foster a true collaborative partnership through positive engagements and build public trust between the Division and the community. To achieve these goals, the Newark Police Division and its members shall approach all interactions with the public as opportunities to enhance the perception of law enforcement and build upon public trust. The following community engagement report has been prepared to reflect the period of **January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019**.

Criteria

Paragraph 18 of the Consent Decree states:

“Within 120 days of the Operational Date, and thereafter on a quarterly basis, NPD will prepare a publicly available report of its community policing efforts overall and in each precinct, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NPD and the community toward their resolution”.

Summary

Building on the first half of this year, community engagements were expanded upon and more partnerships have been developed. The CSO’s attended ninety seven (97) community meetings during this quarter. In addition to the community meetings, the Division personnel participated and/or orchestrated numerous events.

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Table No. 1 - Community Engagements Summary

Precinct	Community Meetings	Goal Oriented Encounters	Special Events	Youth Engagements	Problems Identified
1 st	12	2	1	10	10
2 nd	32	3	8	7	2
3 rd	11	9	5	26	8
4 th	12	9	2	5	4
5 th	7	2	0	4	9
6 th	14	10	4	10	10
7 th	9	1	0	2	5

First Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer A. Davis and Police Officer R. Thomas

- Coffee with a Cop – 180 S Orange Ave (NCC Senior Building)
- Community Meeting – 399-443 Springfield Avenue
- Community Meeting-129 Littleton Ave
- Community Walk-194 Littleton Ave
- Community Meeting-85 ITB
- Community Meeting-195 W Market Street
- Community Meeting-507 Central Ave
- Community Meeting-504 Central Ave
- Community Meeting-205 Spruce St
- Community Meeting-920 Broad St
- Feeding the Homeless-103 16th Ave
- Lockdown Drill-507 Central Ave
- Block Watch Meetings
- Community Meeting-140 Spruce St
- Community Meeting-304 Springfield Ave
- Community Meeting-265 S 9th St
- Youth Talk-933 Bergen St

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- Women's Empowerment Talk-Weequahic High School
- School Lockdown Drill-444 Central Ave (Bumblebee Childhood Center)
- The Rec (Youth Talk)- 932 Bergen St
- Community Walk-13th Ave & S 10th St
- Crime Victim-Follow Up Phone Calls
- St. Patrick's Day-Lucky Charm With a Cop (Camden St. School)
- Community Walk-11th Ave & S 7th St
- Community Meeting-206 Springfield Ave
- Community Walk-12th Ave & S 7th St
- Community Walk-444 Central Avenue
- Youth Meeting-Bold Academy
- Youth Paint & Cider with an Officer-New Hope Village
- Community Walk-New Hope Village
- Community Meeting-147 Charlton St

Second Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer J. Molina and Police Officer T. Rich

- Community Talk-1425 Mccarter Highway
- Community Walk-40-50th Block of Lincoln Ave
- Precinct Pop up Event-90 Tiffany Blvd
- Women's Day March-Marion Thomas Charter School
- Hug a Cop-2nd Precinct Boundaries
- Community Talk-1434 Mccarter Highway
- Face Painting for Kids
- Business Meeting-2nd Precinct
- Community Meeting-27 Lincoln Ave
- Community Meeting-31 Green Street
- Community Service Pop Up Event-105 Park Ave
- Community Talk-Verona Ave
- Community Talk-2n Precinct Boundaries
- Coffee with a Cop-521 Broadway
- Community Meeting-2 Grafton Ave
- Community Meeting-123 Washington St
- Community Meeting-200 Cathedral Court
- Community Meeting-93 7th Ave

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- Community Meeting-285 Roseville Ave
- Community Meeting-110 Roseville Ave
- Community Youth Meeting-1 Lincoln Ave
- Community Meeting-2 Grafton Ave

Third Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer M. Silva and Police Ricardo Barbosa

- Crime Victim Follow up-Phone Calls
- Pizza Party-YMCA
- Anti-Crime Presentation-Senior Center
- Business Walk-103 Ferry St
- Community Walk-Van Buren & Clover St
- Community Walk-Merchant St & Clover St
- Anti-Crime Presentation-Rome Street Senior Center
- Assisted Youth with Homework-Sharp James Recreation Center
- Identify Theft Presentation-2 Nevada Street
- Dessert with a Cop-Café Caffè
- Youth Basketball Game-Hawkins Street School
- Youth Flag Foot Ball-Hawkins Street School
- Teen Zone-Newark Public Library
- Community Walk-Fleming & Brill
- Community Meeting-ST. Benedicts Prep
- Community Walk-Halsey & Williams
- Paint and Sip-Newark Public Library
- Community Walk-Pacific & Pennington
- Coffee with A Cop-Dunkin Donuts (Broad & Parkhurst)
- Community Walk-Fleming & Oxford St
- Community Walk-Pacific & Pennington
- Community Meeting-Ironbound Super
- Color for A Day-Newark Public Library
- Community Walk-Washington St & W Kinney St
- 3rd Precinct Captain Meeting
- Bingo & Valentine's Day Celebration
- Community Walk-South St & Thomas St
- Community Walk-South St

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- Read for A Day-Newark Public Library
- Community Walk-New York Ave-Napoleon
- Bingo with Kids-Iron Bound Boys and Girls Club
- Dessert with a Cop-Jordan's Bakery
- Community Walk-Court & Nevada
- Community Walk-Wall St & Patterson
- Bingo Day with Seniors-1 Court Street
- Community Walk-Walnut St & New York
- Valentine's Day Party-1 Court Street
- Coffee with A Cop-148 Ferry St
- 100 Men-Hawkins Street School
- Dessert with a Cop-Jordan's Bakery
- Community Walk-South & Jefferson
- Spring Reading-Newark Public Library
- Reading for Fun-Newark Public Library
- Community Walk-South St & Pulaski
- Coloring and Reading-St. Justine's Preschool
- Coloring and Read-Rainbow Land Preschool
- Community Walk-Fleming & Mott
- Bingo-Terrell Holmes
- Spark Meeting-Riverbank Park
- Paint by Numbers-Newark Public Library
- Dr. Suess Birthday Reading
- Community Walk-Hawkins & Horatio
- Bingo-2 Nevada Street
- Community Walk-Walnut & Pulaski
- Community Meeting-Democratic Committee
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Heritage Day-East Side High School
- Community Walk-Pacific & Garden St
- Community Meeting-St. Johns Church

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Fourth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer A. Porter and Police Officer B. Burrows

- Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting
- Community Meeting-Newark Children's Cabinet Safety Committee
- Soup with a Cop
- Coffee with a Cop
- Women's Day-Weequahic Park
- Community Meeting Claremont Scattered Sites-281 16th Ave
- Pediatric Hospital Visit-Beth Isreal Medical Facility
- Pediatric Hospital Visit-Rutgers University Hospital
- Operation Flowers
- Valentine's Day-Flower Distribution
- Hope One Newark
- Black History Month Trivia-S 17th Street School
- Community Walk-Woodland Ave & S 12th St
- Community Task Force Meeting-North Star Academy
- Valentine's Day Flower Operation-St Mary's Villa Senior Facility
- Community Walk-425 S 16th St
- Community Walk-12th Ave & 13th Ave
- Community Meeting-467 S 9th Street
- Victim Follow-up Phone Calls
- Community Meeting-699 Springfield Ave
- Community Walk=541 S 11th St
- Lights Out-West Side High Side
- Community Meeting-267 S 9th St
- Community Meeting-Block Watch
- Community Meeting-S 15th St & 14th Ave
- Community Meeting-534 S 12th St
- Community Walk-Park Place Homes Housing Complex
- Community Meeting-23 Sanford Ave
- Community Meeting-349 Avon Ave
- Community Meeting-West Ward Safety Roundtable Meeting
- Community Meeting-How to Utilize the Newark Police App

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Fifth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer G. Hines and Police Officer M. Muhammed

- Community Meeting-400 Hawthorne Ave
- Movie Night –5th Precinct
- Game Night-Weequahic Family Success Center
- Community Meeting-246 Shephard Ave
- Community Meeting-Mildred Helms Park
- Sip and Paint-Donald Bradley Senior Apartments
- Lunch with Six Graders-Linx School
- Community Meeting-1101 Broad St
- Public Safety Roundtable-400 Hawthorne Ave
- Pizza with George Washington Carter Students
- Community Meeting-100 Ludlow St
- Tie Dye with Youth-Grace West Manor
- Community Meeting-89 Lincoln Park
- Community Meeting-634 Clinton Ave
- Community Meeting-933 S 17th St
- Karaoke Night-5th Precinct
- Gang Awareness and Cyber-Bullying Assembly-South Street School
- Paint and Sip-Grace West Manor

Sixth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer S. Okerchiri and Police Officer C. Corbett

- Community Meeting-Ivy Hill Park
- Spring Break with the Kids-West End
- Community Walk-Salem St & South Orange Ave
- Occupy the Block-West End
- Community Meeting-6th Precinct
- Community Walk-18th Ave Corridor
- Easter Egg Hunt-Ivy Hill Park
- Reading & Singing with the Children-UVSO Daycare
- Community Walk-Alexander St/Bradley Court
- Community Meeting-26 Vanderpool St

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- Community Clean Up-68 Lenox Avenue
- Haircut Give Back-916 South Orange Ave
- Community Walk-South Orange Ave Corridor
- Community Walk-West End Ave
- Community Walk-Bradley Ct
- Community Walk-Halstead St
- Community Walk-N Munn & Tremont
- Community Meeting-42 Richelieu Terr
- Community Walk-18th Ave & Columbia
- Circus for the Kids-Ivy Hill Elementary School
- Community Walk-South Orange Ave & Pine Grove
- Community Walk-1th Ave Corridor
- Community Walk-Grand Ave & South Orange Ave
- Community Walk-269 S 9th St
- Community Walk-Brookdale & 18th Ave
- Community Meeting-23 Brandford Pl
- Community Walk-Vermont Ave & South Orange Ave
- Community Walk-South Orange Ave Smith St
- St Patrick's Day Parade-6th Precinct
- Community Meeting-844 Sanford Ave
- Community Walk-Brookdale Ave & South Orange Ave
- Community Meeting-42 Richelieu Terr
- Community Meeting-Stuyvesant Ave & South Orange Ave
- Community Walk-Salem St
- Community Walk-South Orange Brookdale
- Marvel Presentation-Citi-Plex
- Community Walk-Brookdale Ave
- Community Clean-up-126 Stuyvesant Ave
- Community Walk-Mt Vernon Pl
- Community Meeting-296 S 9th St
- Reading to Children-1044 South Orange Ave
- Community Partnership House of Worship-17 Alexander St
- Community Meeting-491 Irvington
- Community Walk-97 Alexander St
- Community Meeting-Ivy Hill Elementary School
- Community Clean Up-Alexander St

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- Community Walk-Brookdale Ave
- Community Walk-Lindsley Ave
- Community Meeting-40 Richelieu
- Community Meeting-University Ave
- Valentine's Day Event-University Hospital/Beth Israel Hospital
- Community Meeting-Mountainview Ave
- Valentine's Day Dance with Seniors-425 Sanford Ave
- Community Walk-Chelsea Ave
- Community Walk-Melrose Ave
- Police & Fire Cook off for The Seniors-425 Sanford Ave
- Breakfast for The Seniors-425 Sanford Ave
- Community Walk-425 Sanford Ave
- Bicycle Giveaway-South Orange Ave & Halstead
- Community Clean Up-Salem St
- Game Day with a Cop-916 South Orange Ave
- Community Meeting-40-42 Richelieu Terrace

Seventh Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Police Officer: M. Olmeda, L. Wyckoff and J. Rivera

- Community Clean Up-N 7th Street & Sussex Ave
- Community Meeting-36 Roseville Ave
- Community Meeting-7th Precinct
- Crime Victim Follow-Up Phone Calls
- Community Meeting-588 MLK Blvd
- Community Walk-895 Franklin Ave
- Community Meeting-801 N 6th St
- Bingo Night-Stephen Crane Senior Building
- St. Patrick's Day Parade-62 Washington Pl
- Community Meeting-285 Roseville Ave
- Art Workshop-Salome Urena School
- Community Meeting-506 Central Ave
- Community Meeting-285 Roseville Ave
- Pizza Party-Dr. Horton Elementary School

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Table No. 2 - Problems Identified

Precinct	Problem List – Steps for Resolution
1 st	Homeless sleeping on church property-- Active Investigation
1 st	Abandoned Property- Code Enforcement Notified
1 st	Juveniles Loitering at Movie Theatre- Increase Police Presence
1 st	Burglaries into Autos- Increase Police Presence
1 st	Theft from Autos – Active Investigation
1 st	Motor Vehicle Violations – Active Investigation
1 st	Garbage and debris – Active Investigation
1 st	Commercial Vehicles Idling – Active Investigation
1 st	Pot Holes – Active Investigation
1 st	Squatters– Active Investigation
2 nd	Illegal Parking of Vehicles- Active Investigation
2 nd	Occupy the Block – Bloomfield Ave & Garside St
2 nd	Panhandlers – Bloomfield Ave/ Park Ave Active Investigation
2 nd	Squatters on Property – 269 Lake Street Boarded Up
2 nd	Garbage – 124 Montclair Ave – Addressed on MyNewark App
2 nd	Illegal Parking – Ongoing enforcement
2 nd	Parking Issues - Addressed
3 rd	Commercial Vehicles Idling and parked overnight – Summons Issued
3 rd	After Hours Operation – Active Investigation
3 rd	Homeless sleeping in front of businesses, harassing customers and pan handling – Active Investigation
3 rd	Permit Parking- Active Investigation

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3 rd	Commercial Vehicles Idling and parked overnight - Active Investigation
3 rd	Double Parked Cars-Summons Issued
3 rd	Illegal Parking – Active Investigation /"Permit Parking Only" Signage enhanced
3 rd	Poor Lighting – Active Investigation
4 th	Auto Theft - Active Investigation
4 th	Loud Music – Block Watch information distributed
4 th	Drug Activity- Stop Report Submitted Quality of Life Unit Notified
4 th	Parking Violations- - Active Investigation
5 th	Parking Violations – Summonses Issued
5 th	Quality of Life complaints – Active Investigation
5 th	Drug Activity - Active Investigation
5 th	Trespassers in Abandoned House- Code enforcement notified and responded to House for boarding up and garbage removal.
5 th	Abandoned House with loitering – Active Investigation
5 th	Drug Activity – Met with complainant to gather intelligence for the Active Investigation
5 th	Deplorable Properties – Code enforcement notified
5 th	Suspicious Vehicles Parked – Active Investigation
5 th	Abandoned vehicle – Active Investigation
5 th	Parking Violations– Active Investigation
5 th	Deplorable Property – Active Investigation
5 th	Abandoned Property – Code Enforcement notified and boarded up the property.
5 th	Poor Street Lighting- Active Investigation
5 th	Prostitution- Active Investigation
5 th	Loitering- Active Investigation

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6 th	Deplorable Property - Abated – utilized code enforcement, officers and captain conducted community clean up with CSO
6 th	Violent Crime - Community Walk captain and CSO's, speaking with residents and addressing concerns.
6 th	Abandoned Vehicles - Aggressive enforcement and abated the issues through presence and tows , Commander conducted several community walks with CSO's in area
6 th	Burglaries in area - Passed out Crime Prevention Tips Flyers: Burglary 612 Sector, Stolen Autos crime prevention lecture. CSO's Captain Douglas. Hosted at the 6th precinct community room
6 th	Lack of involvement with and by business owners – CSO's have established partnerships and have scheduled monthly meetings
6 th	Crime victimization education request - Road safety checkpoint and passed out NPD Crime Tips Prevention with the New NPD graduating Class assigned to 613 Sector/ Community Walk
6 th	Traffic Hazard - Partnered with Senator Ronald Rice to have Traffic light installed
6 th	Violent Crime/Homicide – Captain and CSO community crime prevention walk and presence at vigil for deceased, Partnered with Newark Community Street Team, morning and evening walks and events conducted
6 th	Trash and Noise Complaints at Dance Hall - tighter dance hall regulatory guidelines, enforcement actions taken, follow up with complainants reveals problem abated
6 th	Deplorable Property - Ongoing cleanup efforts patterned with city for liens and code enforcement
7 th	Littering-Community Clean Up
7 th	Abandoned Property - Active Investigation (Mayor's Office Notified)
7 th	Panhandling- Active Investigation
7 th	Drug Activity - Active Investigation
7 th	Parking Violations-- Active Investigation

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Community/Clergy Affairs Unit

The Community / Clergy Affairs unit works hand in hand with the Community Service Officers in supplementing, organizing, and augmenting their community engagement efforts. Below is a list of various community engagement efforts that have been undertaken during the first quarter of 2019.

- **G.R.E.A.T Program-Newark Public School**
- **Public Safety Academy**
- **Saint Patrick's Day Parade**
- **Safe Haven Awareness**
- **Hope One Newark**
- **Black History Month Celebration**
- **First Anniversary Mass**
- **Career Exploration Fair-Uplift Academy**
- **Fight for Air Climb**
- **The Ronald Jones Interfaith Community-Barringer High School**
- **Newark Explores-Range Day**
- **Explores Honor Guard Scholarship Dinner**
- **Police Week**
- **Annual Police Week Celebration**
- **Basketball Tournaments**
- **Narcan Training-Newark Community Street Team**
- **Community Walk-425 Sanford Ave**
- **Soup with a Cop**
- **Safety Presentation-101-103 Arlington St (Leaguers Head Start)**
- **Faith Christian Church Annual March-South Orange Ave Corridor**
- **People Movement Meeting-1065 Bergen St**
- **Gang Safety Presentation-South Street School**
- **School Safety/Bullying Presentation-S 17th St School**
- **Police & Fire Cook off-425 Sanford Ave**
- **Community Meeting-298 South Orange Ave**
- **Black History Event-Leaguers Elementary School**
- **Women's Day Event-Weequahic High School**
- **IHOP Pancakes with a Cop-109 Bergen St**
- **Saint Patrick's South with a Cop-4th Precinct**
- **Newton Street Career Fair-150 Newton St**

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- **Career Fair Greak Oaks Charter School**
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

Year Round Engagement Strategies

The Public Safety Academy is an eight-week course where participants learn the basic functions and operations of the Police/Fire and OEM division. Participants must complete six of the eight scheduled classes. We have instituted an alumni association of our participants. Approximately 60 alumni have chosen to continue to participate with us when called upon. They have been useful in disseminating all manner of Police community relations info and serve as volunteers at community events.

G.R.E.A.T. Program is an anti-bully program taught to grades 3-8 throughout the Newark School District. The program also teaches gang awareness as well as drug prevention. Currently GREAT is taught 5 days a week in schools throughout the city by detectives of our unit. Upon graduation the department treats all children to popcorn, soda and a movie at the Cityplex where they also receive a T-shirt.

Clergy Alliance- We currently have 76 clergy members that we actively collaborate with. We have a ride-along program in which clergy members respond out into the community (hospitals/senior homes) to offer prayer and other services to members of the community. We also host monthly meetings of our participants and provide them with services and opportunities to volunteer in other worthwhile projects.

Police Explorer Program is hosted by our unit twice a week where explores are given insight and instruction into what it is like to enter a career in the Police Division. They also compete against other local explorer posts. Currently The Explorer post boasts 22 members. These members also participate in competitions based on police training against other Police explorer posts. Police Explorers recently placed 3rd overall at the South Jersey Police Explorer competition. The undersigned and Executive Officer Latasha Taylor presented all participants with command citations in recognition of their achievement.

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Block Watch Program - can be organized through the precinct community service officers as well as the community affairs/clergy unit. Our Block Watch program requires 7-10 people to start the program. It teaches members of the community crime safety tips, crime prevention and the proper reporting procedure for reporting a crime or incident. There are 69 registered block watch programs within the city with a Block watch creation drive underway.

There is currently one **School Resource Officer** assigned to each command. The School Resource officers are available to address any concerns within the schools. They also conduct safety presentations throughout the school year. We in the Community Clergy affairs unit also conduct safety presentations on **Stranger Danger, Gun Safety** and **Anti-Bullying**. Community requests are taken into account and our presentations can be tailored to whatever the requesting community stakeholder needs.

Coffee with a Cop is a program started in California that we have adopted in our city and have augmented it to include Pizza with a cop, Hero (sandwich) with a hero and Ice Cream with a Cop. These programs bring police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

Community Service Officers and members of the Community/Clergy Affairs Unit visit Senior Citizen Housing and Nursing Homes to conduct the "**Paint and Sip**" program whereby Officers sit with the seniors and paint small art projects while sipping coffee and tea. (Paint and sips are ongoing and we are looking to collaborate with Newark Housing for future events.)

Hope One Cares Project: This program has been modeled after a similar program in Morris County. It is a mobile outreach vehicle bringing services to the addicted and afflicted and their families. Narcan training, rehab and recovery facilities, light refreshments served, CPR training and all manner of referrals provided.

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Table No. 3 – HOPE ONE STATS

Date Hope 1 Deployed	Total Visitors	Rehab Referrals	Rehab Placements	Mental Health Screenings	Mental Health Referrals	Narcan Trained	Narcan Distribution
1/7/19	36	4	0	17	14	0	0
1/14/19	35	7	0	12	7	0	0
1/18/19	42	14	3	12	7	0	0
1/21/19	33	2	0	0	0	0	0
1/28/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/4/19	48	16	1	12	5	1	1
2/11/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/25/19	32	3	0	5	3	0	0
3/4/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/11/19	63	7	2	12	1	1	1
3/18/19	10	2	0	0	0	1	1
3/25/19	25	3	0	4	2	0	0

Citywide all officers and Detectives of the Newark Police Division continue to break new ground with their imaginative approach and dedicated commitment to community policing.

CommUnity & Cops town hall-style meetings

During the 1st Quarter of 2019, the Consent Decree and Planning Division hosted two (2) town hall-style meetings to solicit input from the community on the implementation of Consent Decree mandates. Below are the forums hosted during this period:

- A community town hall forum was held on the **Consent Decree** where progress NPD has made was discussed at the Saint James AME Church 588 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Newark, NJ on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

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- A community town hall forum was held on **LGBTQ Community and Police Interactions Policy Training** on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. held at Unity Fellowship Church 23 Branford Pl Newark, NJ 07102.

Staffing Assessment Newark Police Division

The Newark Police Division (NPD) commissioned the Urban League of Essex County to conduct a staffing study of the department in compliance with the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree requires the NPD to “assess and revise its staffing allocation and personnel deployment to support community policing and problem-solving initiatives, and modify any deployment strategy that is incompatible with effective community-oriented policing.”

Staffing Assessment Summary

The Newark Police Department needs additional personnel to support its community policing and problem-solving initiatives. If the department wants Precinct Patrol officers to have adequate time to engage the community and work on problem solving projects, it needs 247 additional officers assigned to the precincts. In addition, it needs six additional detectives assigned to investigate Part 1 Crimes.



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